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Wheelabrator Westchester Facility Marks Major Milestone

Over 20 Million Tons of Waste Converted to Clean, Renewable Energy

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. — (February 4, 2015) — Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. recently celebrated a major operational milestone when the total volume of trash processed at the Wheelabrator Westchester energy-from-waste plant surpassed the 20 million ton mark.

As a truck from City Carting rolled onto the check-in scale at the facility entrance on January 28, Wheelabrator Westchester employees gathered to congratulate driver Mike McKenzie and to observe over 30 years of helping Westchester County convert its residential and commercial waste into clean, renewable energy.

For plant manager Brett Baker, crossing the 20 million ton mark is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the plant’s employees, many of whom have worked at the facility since operations commenced in 1984.

“This exceptional team has operated the Wheelabrator Westchester facility safely and reliably for over three decades,” said Baker. “We are proud to serve communities and businesses in Westchester County and the surrounding region, helping our customers recover value from the waste stream in a sustainable, environmentally responsible way.”

Designed, constructed and operated by Wheelabrator Technologies, the Wheelabrator Westchester plant is located in the Charles Point industrial park and processes up to 2,250 tons of everyday post-recycled household and business waste per day. Refuse collected from Westchester municipalities and commercial customers is delivered to the fully enclosed facility, where it is transferred to utility-type boilers that recover thermal energy in the form of high-pressure steam. The steam powers turbines generate 63,000 kilowatts of electricity an hour — enough to power 67,000 homes.

Additional steam not required for electricity generation is marketed to nearby commercial customers for use as a clean, reliable, renewable energy source. In 2013, Wheelabrator Westchester began providing steam to power the commercial laundry operations of White Plains Linen, allowing the company to reduce its natural gas usage and related greenhouse gas emissions by 90 percent.

In addition to producing renewable power, the facility recovers and recycles approximately 12,000 tons of metal over the course of a year. The recycled metals are used to create new products, preserving natural resources for future generations.
“Congratulations to Wheelabrator for reaching the 20 million ton milestone,” said Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino. “We applaud the company’s continued efforts to transform waste into safe, clean renewable energy for Westchester County while recovering valuable materials from the waste stream for recycling, such as metals, and supplying steam to nearby business owners.”

Headquartered in Hampton, New Hampshire, Wheelabrator creates clean, renewable energy from everyday residential and business waste. Wheelabrator has a current platform of 15 energy-from-waste facilities, four independent power-producing facilities, four ash monofills and three waste transfer stations. Wheelabrator has an annual waste processing capacity of over 7.4 million tons, and a total combined electric generating capacity of 768 megawatts — enough energy to power more than 645,000 homes. Wheelabrator facilities also recover metals from ash for recycling into commercial products. For more on Wheelabrator, please visit www.wtienergy.com.

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